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Eu strives to boost voter awareness

■ Secretary of State visits RSC to encourage students to vote.

BY MIKE CAPO
NEWS EDITOR

In order to combat what she termed a 'national shame', Secretary of State March Fong Eu has launched a campaign aimed at increasing voter awareness.

Eu's efforts brought her to RSC last week where she addressed students and faculty in the amphitheater on the Santa Ana Campus.

"I'm here on your campus to tell you to vote, for yourselves and for each other," said Eu.

As secretary of state, one of the many facets of the job is serving as the states' chief elections' officer, a duty which Eu has not taken lightly.

"California is 37th nationally in turnout of eligible voters, that is really rank," she said.

Eu is working to improve these statistics. She is currently touring around the state visiting high school and college campuses, in order to urge students to

register and vote in elections.

"Voting is good, not voting sucks. It's hard to improve on the bottom line," added Eu.

Since 18-to-25 year-olds make up the lowest percentage of registered voters in the state, Eu is visiting campuses to educate students on the importance of their vote.

"It's a national shame," stated Eu. "The U.S. generally and California particularly is destined to set records for the lack of voter turn-out."

Eu started her political career in 1966, when she was elected to the state assembly, representing Oakland and Castro Valley.

She was elected secretary of state in 1974 and has been re-elected three times. Eu has continually led all statewide elected officials with the highest number of voters.

"Voting is power. Those who vote have it, those who don't do not. Real power is what the non-voter gives up," said Dr. Eu.

Eu started her educational career at Salinas Junior College in Salinas, California, and is very proud of the California Community College system. From there

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Secretary of State March Fong Eu speaks at RSC.

Photo By Danny McCoy



Art Jimenez won 1990-91 ASB presidency in run-off election

Jimenez runs-off with ASB presidency

BY MIKE CAPO
NEWS EDITOR

Senior senator Art Jimenez won a run-off election and will assume the duties as ASB President for the 1990-91 school year.

The run-off was made necessary after last week's election ended in a tie between Jimenez and Mike Keaney. Jimenez captured the 50 percent plus one vote needed to determine the winner.

"I have served in the student government for the past year. I plan on bringing experience, leadership and a strong commitment to serve the students' needs," said Jimenez.

About 380 students voted in the run-off election, which was about 130 more than the number of voters who participated in the original election.

According to members of the election committee, 251 students voted in the general election held before the run-off.

Andrea Ferrara succeeded in becoming

ASB Vice-President. "I am committed to serve you, the students, to the best of my ability," said Ferrara.

Albert Huerta, senior senator for the last two years and co-chairman of the Finance Committee, was elected treasurer.

Rosa Salvador, Ameneh Khorasanee, Aivi Ramirez, Lillian Barba, Christopher Schaffer, Chris Sandoval and Christopher Matsumiya were selected to serve as senators.

Officials will start their terms June 1.

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RSC Center sponsors free Health Fair Expo

BY AMY BURKE
STAFF WRITER

Many doctors, nurses and health care specialists will volunteer their time and expertise on Thursday, May 3 at the Health Fair Expo, sponsored by RSC's Student Health Center.

The National Health Laboratories will be providing free screenings for vision, hearing, skin cancer, lung capacity, blood pressure, height and weight and back problems.

A complete blood panel, which includes a cardiac risk profile as well as 26 other tests, will also be offered at a cost of \$15. In a regular laboratory this blood panel would cost up to \$200, according to health center staff nurse, Ariene Warco, R.N., M.S.N.

"The whole focus of the fair is on prevention and education," said Warco. "It's so the students better know what's

going on with their bodies in order to take better care of themselves."

Speakers from the staff of the Santa Ana Psychiatric Hospital will lecture on stress management, biofeedback, anger and family communication.

Information stations will be set up to teach breast self examinations, good prenatal care and maintenance, and safe sex practices.

Any questions participants might have concerning skin care, dental problems and allergies can be answered by the dermatologist, dentist and physician allergist who will also be on hand at the health fair.

"Because of the difficulty in testing and screening in these areas, it is the best we can do to just answer questions and advise them where to go for more medical help," said Warco.

Along with the testing and information booths, Schaeffer Ambulance

Service and the Santa Ana Police Department both plan to display their mobile units outside of Johnson Center.

The Health Fair Expo is open to anyone over the age of 18 and is not limited strictly to students.

RSC's Student Health Center hopes for a 'good turnout,' and that people take advantage of what they are offering.

"I think we see there's always a need for something like this," said Warco. "The students are so focused on educational goals that they forget they need a sound mind and body. The more they can do to prevent illness, the better off they'll be."

Rancho Santiago College is only one of the 12 Health Fair Expo sites in Orange County alone. Throughout California approximately 112 fairs will take place between April 28 and May 6.

Health Fair Highlights

Health Fair Expo

Thursday, May 3
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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she transferred to the University of California at Berkeley where she earned a bachelor's degree.

Eu then went on to Mills College where she received a master's degree in education. In 1956, Eu graduated from Stanford University with a doctorate in education.

As secretary of state, Eu has implemented a number of reforms including voter registration by mail, resulting in a fraud-free, easy means of voter registration.

Eu also designed an effective method of providing bilingual ballots to the language-needy voters in California.

She has also set the model for the nation with her state-of-the-art technology for providing quick and accurate state-wide voter

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**—March Fong Eu,
California Secretary
of State**

totals to the news media and public within hours of the polls' closing.

Eu has led the nation in sponsoring innovative approaches to voter registration.

In August of 1984, Eu launched an '800' toll-free voter registration line, and has sponsored voter registration booths at the State Fair.

"Voting is a tribute to the men and women who over the decades have given their lives so we can vote," Eu said.



California Secretary of State March Fong Eu talks with RSC Chancellor Robert Jensen and RSC Board of Trustee member Brian Conley, when she visited the campus last week to push for increased voter awareness.

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Editorials

Hey, what's a matter Eu

March Fong Eu, California's Secretary of State, visited RSC last week in an effort to increase voter awareness in Orange County. "Voting is good, not voting sucks," Eu said, during her brief, emotionless remarks at the Santa Ana campus amphitheater.

After her speech, event organizers arranged for a reception in the foyer of the Arts and Humanities building on the campus, where Eu said that she would be happy to try and answer any question students had there. Unfortunately this was not the case. Instead Eu made a whirlwind appearance with her entourage, which rivaled the number of the participants, then sashayed off to a private room and made herself unavailable.

With the declining number of participants in the electoral process, the el Don believes that it is important for public figures and politicians to speak out in support of voter participation at all levels.

Secretary Eu paid a cynical and off-handed lip service to the electoral process with her trite and hackneyed remarks. Students that cared enough to speak with Eu were snubbed in favor of some quick and meaningless schmoozing with the local politicos.

Eu failed to address the problem of declining voter registration in her quasi-speech. We expect more from the Secretary of State of California.

Her icy attitude further reiterated the notion that the little guy's voice is rarely heard by politicians - A belief that is a major contributor to the scores of reasons so many Californians do not vote.

Public officials have an obligation to affirm that democracy, one vote at a time, works. "Voting is power," Eu said. We agree. Unfortunately, Eu's lack of zeal for the common voter is not "good." In fact to coin a phrase it sucks.

ASB by-laws are taking choice from students

In a run-off election held last week Art Jimenez was elected the ASB president for the 1990-91 school year. Although the el Don supports Jimenez as the newly elected student body leader, we believe that the 23,156 students registered this semester would be better served by a president elected by the entire populous of RSC.

A mere 251 students participated in the original election and 380 students, which is only .016 percent of RSC's enrollment, cast ballots in the run-off. This means that just over one tenth of one percent of RSC's students chose Jimenez.

Students need an electoral process that increases awareness and encourages participation. Presently the ASB's by-laws limit the possibility of a fair and accessible election for the candidates and the students by severely restraining the time, venues and campaigning efforts. It is time that the ASB amends the constitution. Students deserve to know who is running for office and be given a reasonable time to consider platforms and hold a sensible dialogue with the candidates.

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Polluters profit from Earth Day

BY PAT MITCHELL

Ever get the feeling you have been suckered? You should, we all should, because we just may have been.

What should have been a powerful world wide statement on behalf of Mother Earth was instead a corporate scam with every one from Chevron to Mervyn's to network television taking part.

Upon arriving at the Earth Day celebration at Centennial Park last Sunday, visitors were given green ribbons to show their support for environmental awareness. On these ribbons were the words "Earth Day 1990, I did it!" and under that nearly as big as the words themselves and bigger than the Earth Day logo was the Chevron Oil/Chemical Company logo.

I wonder if it occurred to any of the planners of this event that Chevron has a long history as one of Southern California's worst industrial polluters. They contribute to smog, participate in off shore drilling and manufacture dangerous chemicals like malathion.

A few weeks ago, Mervyn's sent an advertisement with the daily paper. On the cover was a beautiful picture of a forest with a few paragraphs about how we all need to do our part to help the environment.

Have you been to Mervyn's lately? they still stuff everything in oversize plastic bags and continue sending junk mail advertisements, which in case they didn't know takes trees to make. I wonder

what they are doing to save the environment.

Corporate America proved the theory "the best place to hide is right under their noses," and we let them, but it's not too late to limit the damage.

Now that Earth Day is over and all of the information has been distributed, it is up to each and every one of us to sift through the piles of garbage we have accumulated, recycling those ideas that are good and discarding those that aren't.

The only way to heal Mother Earth is not with a crudely put together television special, but if each of us does our share and we all demand that the corporations and all levels of government do theirs.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I found the el Don to be a basically credible newspaper, that is until you (the el Don) started including the Second Front in your publication. Now your newspaper has lost most of its credibility. How can you take a newspaper's articles seriously when one page over the Second Front is discussing Topless Bars. This is extremely low class. The Second Front isn't funny either, I and many others I've asked find the Second Front only a juvenile attempt at humor. Because of your choice to include the Second Front in your publication, I no longer find your publication to be a reputable or trustworthy source of news as it once was.

Sincerely,
Heather Raines

Editor,

I am writing in response to your pro and con article on the death

penalty in California. The article was printed in your April 2, 1990 issue.

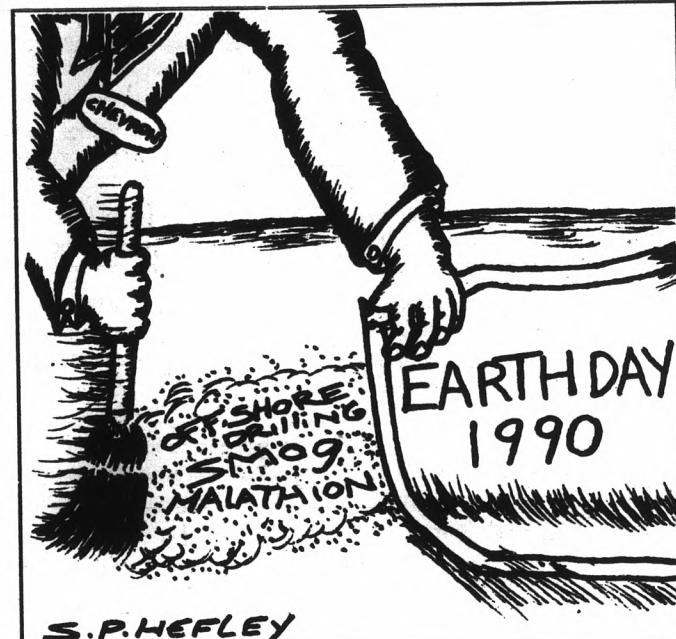
Specifically, I disagree with comments made in the con section of the article. The writer said, according to the law the only way Mr. Harris could repay his debt to society was by being put to death. The writer also classified all homicides as unlawful. He said that two types of homicides occurred, manslaughter (without pre-meditation) and murder (with pre-meditation.) He said that the state reserved for itself, the right to commit premeditated murder.

First, California law does not require that a person convicted of murder be put to death. He may be sentenced to prison. The district attorney (at the time of filing charges,) the jury, the judge, and finally the governor, may choose prison as the correct punishment. These persons know the facts of the case, the factors in mitigation,

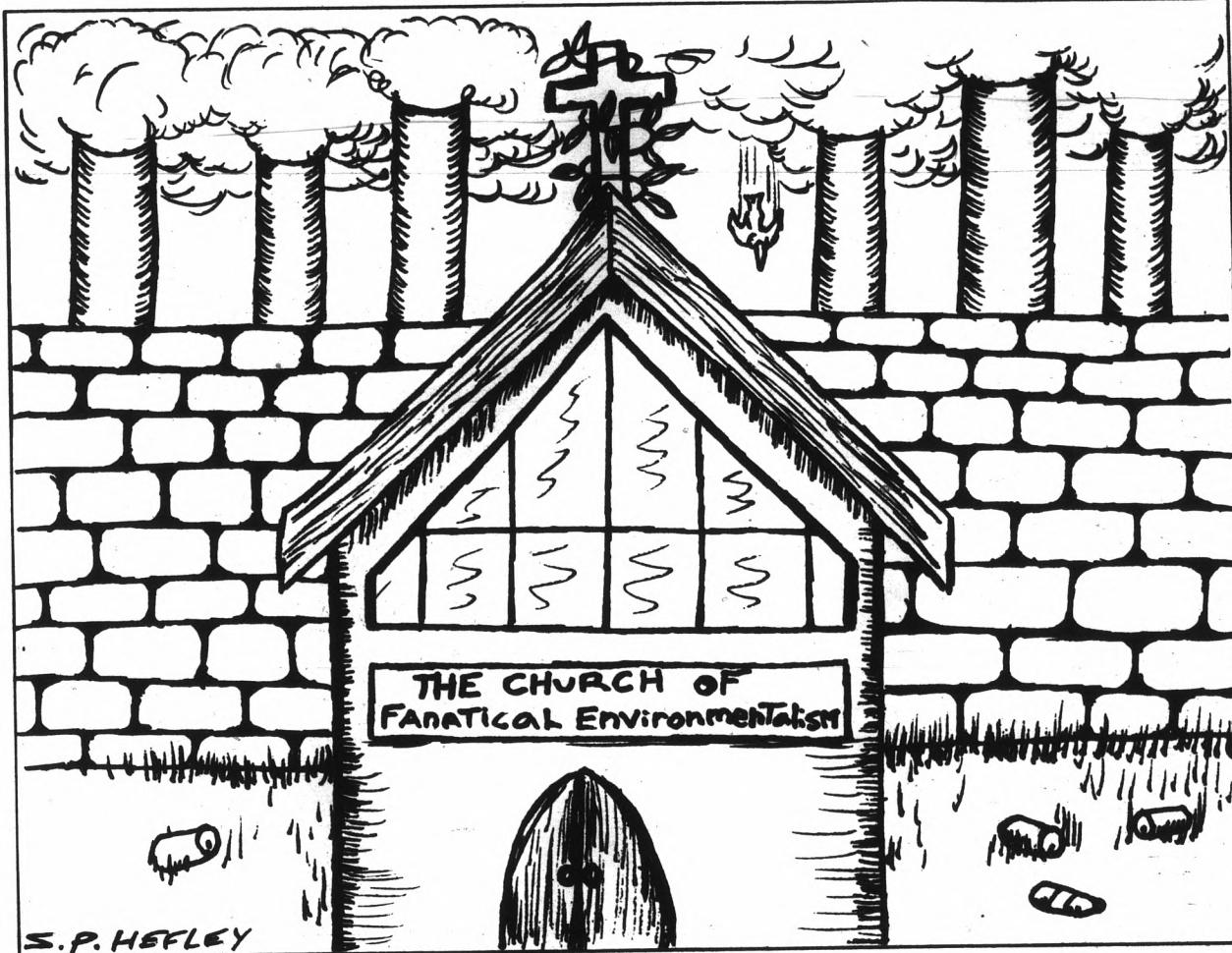
and the factors in aggravation. After having all the facts, they then make a decision as to the appropriate punishment. The death penalty is an option, it is certainly not a requirement.

Finally, the law divides homicides into four basic groups: excusable homicide (by accident or misfortune,) justifiable homicide (self defense, etc.,) manslaughter (unlawful killing without malice,) and murder (unlawful killing with malice.) The law divides unlawful homicide into types or degrees. The citizens of this state and the state, have the right under unusual circumstances to lawfully take another person's life. Therefore, not all homicides are unlawful.

Try doing a little more research, rather than stating inaccurate facts.
Thank You,
Michael D. Williamson
A California Peace Officer
and RSC Student



Environmentalists are becoming fanatical



BY KAREN JANSEN

Now that the red scare appears (we all hope) to be at an end, where will we look for a common enemy? After all, we do need one don't we? How else do our leaders continue to justify piling ever more restrictive legislation on our backs?

We do have the "drug war" of course, but that is increasingly being recognized as a losing cause. Eventually our government will realize that they are just creating a pressure cooker that is going to blow its safety valve. Hopefully, in our Congressmen's faces.

So what do we have left? Why of course! The criminals who pollute our environment and destroy our children's future. Let's get them!

They wear the furs of endangered animals, who died an ugly death to provide these criminals with luxury.

They deposit used auto oil in land fills - when they have no idea where to dispose of it after changing oil in their car.

Those same cars spew noxious chemicals into the air - because the oil wasn't changed often enough and the engine wore out too fast.

The trees, lakes, rivers and meadows are dying from smog and acid rain. The meadows are littered with candy wrappers and plastic 6-pack holders. Careless campers and smokers start forest fires.

Worst of all "Big Business" is belching horrible things into our environment, cre-

ating a global warming trend that may create another ice age. (Don't ask me how that computes. It makes no sense to me either.) Never mind that NASA's recently released studies over a ten year period reveal absolutely no evidence of any warming trend. And never mind that most of the "greenhouse gasses" come from natural sources like volcanoes and decay.

What we have here is not the simple good sense of environmentally responsible use of our resources. What we have is environmentalism. A fanatic religion, as dangerous to those not counted as true believers as is any other form of fanaticism.

When animal activists stand on street corners, eating a McDonald's hamburger, chanting slogans and splashing red paint on women wearing furs - that is an ism.

When Congress passes clean air bills that exclude certain favored industries and punish others in the name of the environment - that is an ism.

When a city passes laws forbidding individuals to collect recyclables from curb-side trash cans because the city wants the money from the papers, glass, and aluminum - that is an ism. Especially when they issue tickets to homeless people who are collecting pop cans from beach dumpsters. Does anyone really believe the city is going to separate the contents

of a dumpster?

When human values are ignored in favor of an ism, we are in the grip of fanaticism and/or a flood of disinformation. This appears to be a distinct possibility as environmentalists gain more power and publicity.

Interestingly, the commercial news media seem less than eager to publicize all sides of the story. How many articles have you read lately that tell you the world is NOT in the grip of a disastrous warming trend? What paper or TV broadcast last informed you that greenhouse gasses are produced by natural sources? Where did you last hear that elephants are doing better in African countries that permit judicious hunting than in those that forbid it? Who last did an investigative report on the percentage of vegetarians in the animal rights movement?

The other, dirtier, less visible side of environmentalism is the power it confers on government agencies to control every aspect of our lives. Congress has the ability to affect the future of entire regions by the way it writes environmental laws. Exclusions, exemptions, and subsidies quickly become the key issues - to the detriment of actual health and ecology issues.

Let's be responsible stewards of our world. But let's not be irrational and refuse to see all sides of the issue.

Elderly people shouldn't be forgotten, forsaken

BY CINDY CALMESE

"Hello, is anybody out there?" whimpers a shallow crackling voice from the corner of a bleak stale room.

"I say, can you hear me?" she cries again, as fear streamed into the air with the breath of each word.

"Children, where are you? Why have you left me here?"

Blank grey eyes of the limp woman stare helplessly into the shadows of her life. Her pale face etched with deep frowning wrinkles, reveals no hope and no sign of happiness. With each sunrise she dreams of visitors, but as the sun sets, she cries.

This is the day to day reality for thousands of rest home residents. These hurting souls long for family or even a friend to drop by for just a few minutes to ease their sorrow and bring a smile to their face.

A resident at a south Orange, Carehouse Convalescent, home describes herself as refuge left to rot. The woman in the next bed insists that she is dead and is spending her waiting time in a hellish purgatory.

Many people cringe at the thought of a rest home. It's no wonder. They have driven their parents to a morbid point beyond reality, making their, mom and dad, sound like they are crazy and senile. This scares the family off. They are not crazy. The majority are just looking for a smile from a friendly face.

Holidays seem to be the only hope for some. But even then some only get privileged with a lousy five minutes on Christmas Day. Imagine living 365 days a year surrounded by strangers. How can bed ridden patients get around to socialize?

People hang on for as long as their heart does, mentally and physically. Without the will to live, they just fade away, just as their hopes did.

Convalescent home residents should not be dropped off, ignored, and left to sing a sad song. Go to them and give them a smile. Not only will it make their day, but the smile they return will make yours.

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SPORTS

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"Oscar Wilson. He's... just the best. A defensive lineman from Santa Ana, he's just good."

-Tom Shine
offensive coordinator

Orange Empire Baseball

	W	L	W	L
x Rancho Santiago	16	5	30	8
x Golden West	14	7	24	10
Fullerton	11	9	21	12
Riverside	10	11	25	14
Cypress	8	12	22	16
Orange Coast	8	12	15	18
Saddleback	5	16	11	20

x-clinched playoff berth

Dons in playoffs, No. 3 in southland

Rancho takes two of three as Lackie goes down with virus

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dons broke a freak two-game losing streak after losing to Fullerton and Saddleback by taking out Riverside and Cypress.

By winning at Riverside 7-5, RSC was guaranteed a playoff spot along with Golden West after topping the same Riverside Tigers two days later, 9-6.

The third OEC playoff spot will go to either Fullerton, Riverside or long-shots Orange Coast or Cypress.

RSC is still hitting and scoring but the pitching is weakening. So is Matt Lackie, he is out for two weeks. Lackie has a viral infection that has kept him off the field and in bed, losing weight.

The sophomore righthander contracted the virus, according to coach Don Sneddon, the day following his complete-game victory at Golden West April 17.

"We are missing him, that's for sure," said Sneddon about Lackie. "He's still in bed and will definitely be out of the question Saturday against OCC."

Sneddon's club will get a

fortunate break with their scheduled bye tomorrow.

"The Tuesday bye is a good break, no doubt about it."

But the bye will not be the solution to the problems; Lackie, according to Sneddon will be "hard pressed" to make Thursday's game here against Golden West and is a remote possibility for the season finale at Fullerton Saturday.

"He's important to the staff, and it would make things easier when he comes back," said Sneddon. "Hopefully he will be completely healthy for the playoffs, that's the most important thing."

"Of course the season is important at the same time. We want to win the conference." The

Dons have a two game lead over Golden West with three games to play including the Thursday head to head match up.

Picking up the slack for Lackie is Jerry Aschoff (6-3) who picked up another win in Thursday's Cypress win. That win completed a four game sweep over the 1989 OEC champion Chargers.

Freshman Jay Hassel from El

Dorado got the win over Riverside and freshman Scott McCorgary out of University has picked up two saves during Lackie's two week absence.

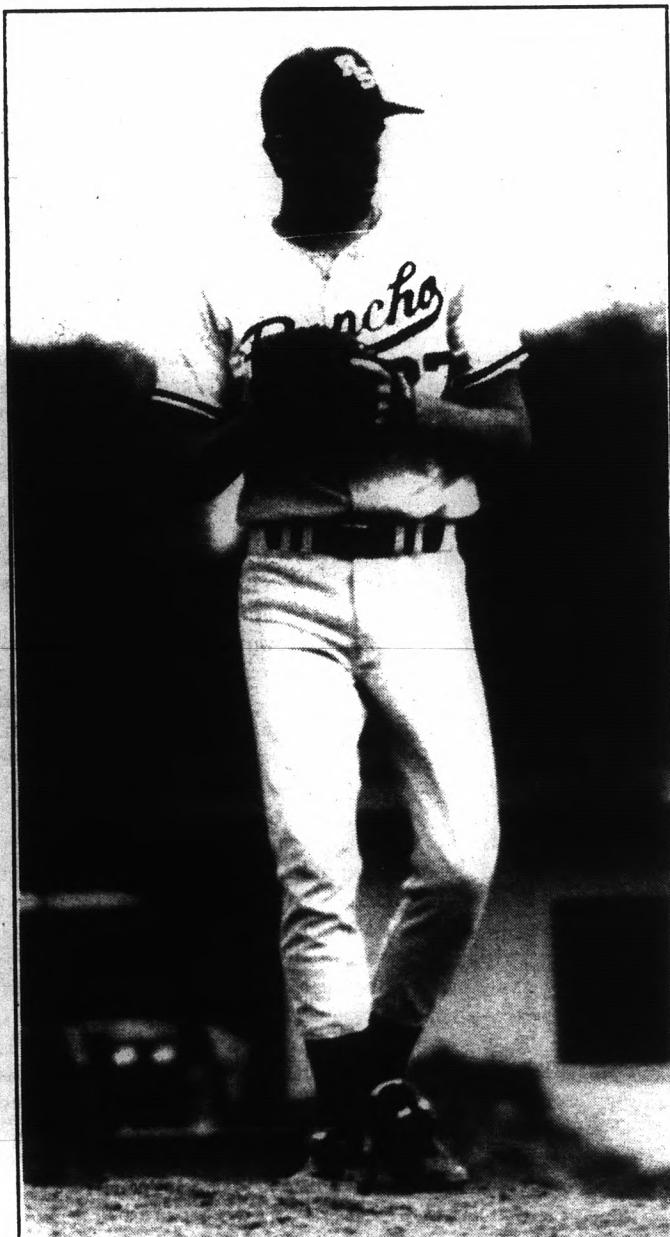
As soon as he gets back, the pitchers will breathe a sigh of relief according to Hassel, "We really need him back, he's a great pitcher."

Game time Thursday against Golden West here is 2:30 p.m.



BACKSTOP-Sharing catching duties with John Weber is steady receiver Brian Criss (pictured).

Photo by Gregory Creel



SICK MAN-Orange Empire Conference's leading pitcher, Matt Lackie, sat out last week with a virus.

Photo by Gregory Creel

EVENTS

TODAY:**Softball** - RSC at Cypress,
3:00 p.m.**WEDNESDAY:****Softball** - Riverside at RSC,
3:00 p.m.**THURSDAY:****Baseball** - Golden West at
RSC, 2:30 p.m.**Mens Tennis** - Conference
Finals at Fullerton, time TBA.
(continued through Sunday).**Womens Tennis** - Conference
Finals, site and time TBA.
(continued through Sunday).**SATURDAY:****Baseball** - RSC at Fullerton,
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Alone in the peanut gallery

The \$25,000 fine imposed on the Lakers by NBA commissioner David Stern is a joke. Pat Riley's responsibility is to the Lakers' management and its fans, not Portland's. I'm sorry that the people who paid \$12.50 to watch the game on closed-circuit TV didn't get their money's worth, but if they thought the Lakers would care about a game that meant nothing, they're dumb...

Stern's fine just showed that the Lakers league-best 63-19 record was meaningless...

Speaking of the NBA, with the play-offs here I'll make some first-round predictions. Lakers, Utah, Portland and San Antonio will advance in the West and Detroit, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia in the East.

I admire the Kings for their efforts against the Oilers, but the better team clearly won...

Former RSC Public Information Coordinator Dave Beyer won the sports publication

award for the 1989 RSC football media guide. This is the second consecutive year Beyer has won the award, given by the California Association of Community Colleges. Beyer, who left RSC to become the Sports Information Director at CSU San Bernardino, won last year for the 1988-89 men's basketball guide...

The Dons moved up into the third spot in the Southern California baseball poll. Four other Orange Empire Conference teams are among the top ten. Riverside is fifth, Golden West seventh, Fullerton ninth and Cypress tenth. LA Harbor and Cerritos are the top two teams...

Rancho pitcher Matt Lackie was making a run at the RSC season win record before being stopped by a virus. Lackie has 10 victories this season, three short of the record set by Mike Schwabe in 1986...

Right fielder Matt Neff's hot bat continues to lead the Dons offensive. Neff leads the OEC in home runs with 15, RBI with 47

and has a .718 slugging percentage. He is also closing in on RSC career records for home runs and RBI. Neff's career marks are 27 round-trippers and 93 RBI. The RSC marks are 31 and 107, both set by Bob Hamelin in 1988...

Freshman left fielder Jeremy Sherman has been successful in 20 for 21 stolen base attempts...

I looked at the American League West standings. Although the season is only 14 games old, the Angels are already four games behind Oakland. At this pace they'll finish 46 games back...

The Dodgers 1990 pennant hopes are as tattered as Orel Hershiser's right rotator cuff. Hershiser had surgery on Friday and will be lost for the year...

The seventh annual RSC Golf Classic will be held June 8 at Riverview golf course. The event is to raise money for Rancho's athletic department...

Until next time...

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Football spring workout is here

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It is spring workout at RSC and the Don grididers are giving their full 75 percent effort to return to season form.

Coach Dave Ogas encourages this effort. He even says so, barking "Take it easy" and "Go three quarter". Well, he is not saying that all practice long, but some may find it strange to hear those orders on a football field.

Why?

Winter cobwebs are gently being stretched. One must walk before one thinks of running. Things are being taken slowly but surely.

"The quarterbacks haven't even taken a snap," said offensive coordinator Tom Shine, who is looking at three prospects to take over for Scott Wood.

One candidate is Rich Fanti, who competes in the long jump,

among other events for the RSC track and field team.

"We're (also) looking at Steve Calhoun, who played at OCC (Orange Coast College) two years ago and red-shirted there last year," said Shine. "Rich Weaver from La Quinta is also out there, but it's all pretty much wide open."

If Shine has his way, there could even be more coming this summer after high school graduation, when all prospects are expected to show to camp. High school seniors may work out, provided they are not participating in a spring sport.

Still on the offensive front. Returning Eric Dickerson-like running back Estrus Crayton will have some new faces to work with. Santa Ana High rusher Kendrick Isles and returning sophomore Pat Leborio are likely candidates to fill Paul Maund's shoes.

But the big news is on the defense according to Shine: "Oscar Wilson. He's...just the best. A defensive lineman from Santa Ana (High), he's just good." said Shine heavily stressing the "good".

"He's SC, UCLA material but his grades were a bit down. A lot of people wanted him; he's 6-3, 6-4, 230 or 40 pounds and all muscle. He's...a man." Shine, giving the word "man" the utmost in compliments the way he said it.

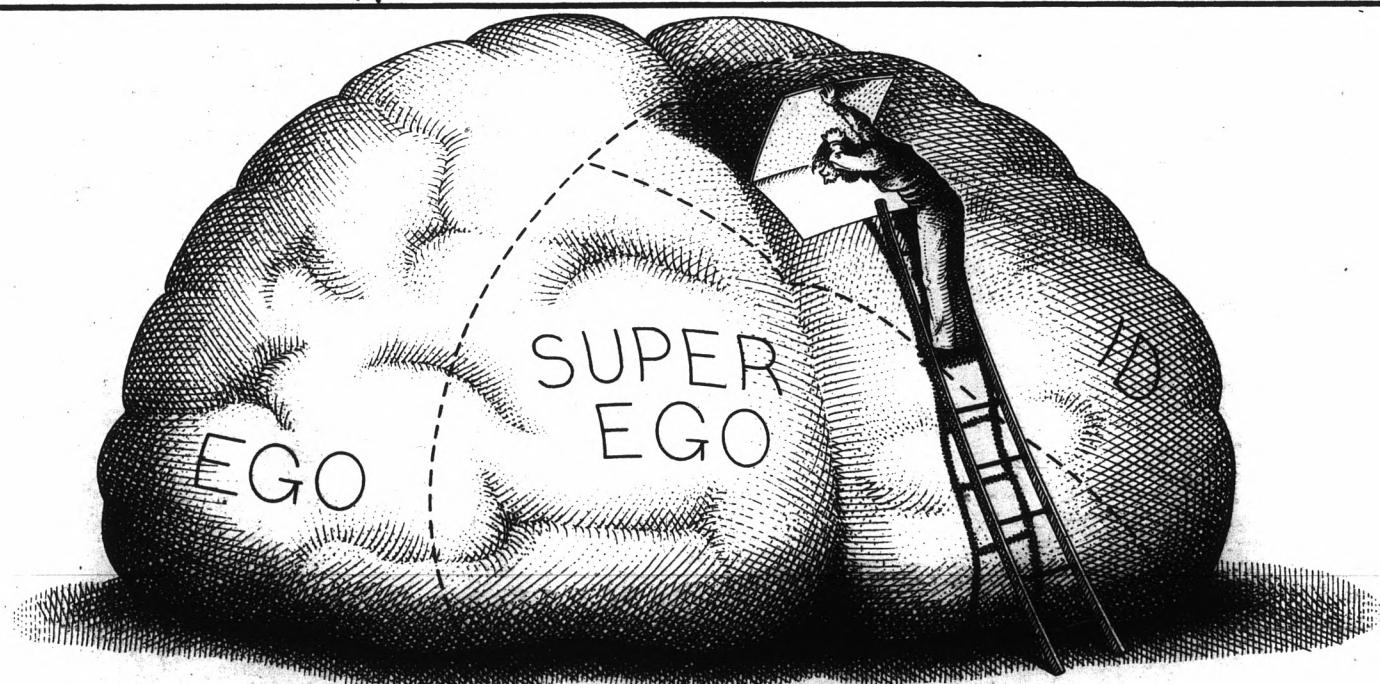
The season is still far off and many decisions have to be made about the starting lineup. There is a credo hanging above defensive line coach Ross Macdonald's desk that sizes up the Dons' desire for bowl victory three-peat:

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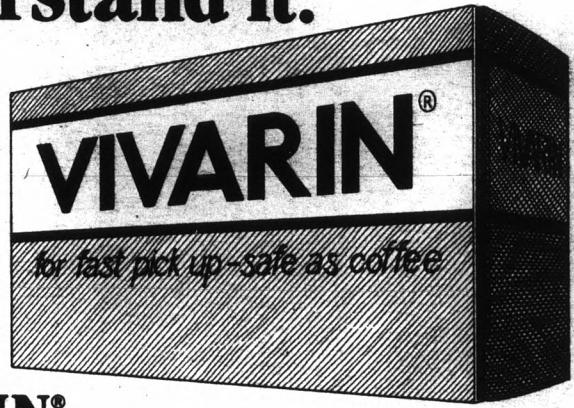
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